

REMARKS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections and Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 9, and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Medin in view of Thompson. The Examiner also indicated that claims 4-8, 10-13, 20, and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 now includes the limitation previously in claim 5, of “a biasing component, connected between the frame and the chassis, which biases the chassis after insertion of the chassis into the frame, a force created by the biasing component moving the chassis out of the frame after the locking mechanism disengages.” Claim 9 includes basically the same limitation previously in dependent claim 10.

These features, in combination with the rest of the elements, are not taught or suggested by any of the prior art references. Claim 6 depends, either directly or indirectly, from claim 5, and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as above. Likewise, claim 11 depends, either directly or indirectly, from claim 10, and is therefore allowable for at least the reasons provided above.

Claim 17 has been amended with the limitation previously in claim 20, namely a method of operating a computer system, "wherein the frame-level connector is mounted to a mount structure movably mounted to the frame, the chassis being moved so that, after the chassis mates with the frame-level connector, the mount structure is moved relatively to the frame." These features, in combination with the rest of the steps, are not taught or suggested by the prior art references. Claim 21 depends, either directly or indirectly, from claim 20, and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as above.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 9, and 17 are patentable over the cited references for the reasons provided, and respectfully requests withdrawal of the remaining rejections of these claims.

The Examiner's allowance of claims 14-16 is noted with appreciation.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Stephen M. De Klerk at (408) 720-8300.

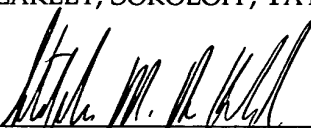
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